

REMARKS

Claims 4, 5 and 7 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-6 are rejected. Claim 7 is objected to. Claims 1-3 and 6 are cancelled herein. Claims 4, 5 and 7 are amended herein to address matters of form unrelated to substantive patentability issues.

Applicants herein traverse and respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of the claims and objection cited in the above-referenced Office Action.

The Office Action requests cooperation in correcting any errors discovered in the specification. Applicant has attended to amendments to add appropriate headings. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-5 are rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention as a result of informalities stated in the Office Action. Claims 1-3 are cancelled, rendering their rejections moot. Remaining claims 4 and 5 are amended to remove or correct the informalities noted in the Office Action. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 4 and 5 and their allowance are earnestly requested.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Berg (US 4,357,031). Claims 1-3 are cancelled herein, rendering the rejections moot.

Claim 6 is rejected as obvious over Smit (US 5,029,650) in view of Cabrera (US 6,076,804) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claim 6 is cancelled herein, rendering its rejection moot.

The Office Action states that claim 7 is objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicates that the claim contains allowable subject matter and would be allowed if put in independent form incorporating the limitations of the base and intervening claims. The claim is amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Reconsideration of the objection and allowance of the claim are respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due. If there is any fee due the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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